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first is one of appreciation. The book contains in convenient form a careful selection of Buddhist scriptures, arranged, as is claimed, in a pretty, harmonious, and systematic form, so as to present much that is common to Buddhist beliefs as popularly conceived. The other criticism is more adverse, viz., that the harmony and the system which the compiler had evolved are at the expense of any historic and scientific sense in the treatment of his materials. If the compiler had given the name of the source and the translation in each instance, the objection to the harmonizing and systematizing process would be less pressing. As it stands, there is no clue whereby the unsophisticated can differentiate sources which originated centuries apart. The historic and scientific study of all of the religions of the world is a great desideratum, and the suggestion is ventured that an inoculation of that spirit into the next edition of the *Gospel of Buddha* will help the compiler materially to the attainment of his worthy aims.

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**The Experiment of Faith.** By Charles Fiske. New York: Revell, 1918. Pp. 180. \$1.00.

In this volume Bishop Fiske has issued fifteen addresses given before groups of students in response to their own request that he should discuss fundamental Christian doctrines instead of subjects connected with the war. He carries consistently through the addresses the idea that faith is not a matter of intellectual assent to a creed, but rather the consent of the whole personality to a real relationship with God as he is revealed in Jesus Christ. The titles are chosen carefully to avoid the appearance of formal discussions of conventional theological subjects. For example, "Letting Oneself Go" is a title that might arrest attention when the word "Consecration" would cause a reader to finger the pages rapidly. The first address is "Unattached Followers," and is a strong appeal for the claims of Christianity upon the men and women who for various reasons seem to recognize no allegiance to Christ. The last chapter is a fearless facing of the greater days in immediate prospect under the title "The Demand for Reality." There is an admirable presentation of the naturalness of the Christian life and the daily practice of immortality under the caption "Where the Sky Begins." The author knows the modern student mind and speaks clearly to it. Many sentences stick; for example, "Live true to the faith you have, and it will grow; hold it in disuse, and it will go." The

book is a model for fidelity to the essential truth of Christianity, for clearness, and for frankness of discussion.

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**The Progress of Church Federation.** By Charles S. Macfarland. New York: Revell, 1918. Pp. 191. \$1.00.

Students of the movement toward church federation and all who are interested in organized religious activity will enjoy this clear sketch of the growth of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America by its secretary. One is impressed with the sweep of the Council's activities, the steadiness of its growth, and the worth of the work thus far done. It is not a boastful book, but reserved in temper and comprehensive in its presentation of facts.

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**The Call of a World-Task in War Time.** By J. Lovell Murray. New York: Student Volunteer Movement, 1918. Pp. 214. \$0.60.

This is one of the best books for study-classes that has been issued in a long time. It is stimulating; it brings students to face the most serious factors in the present world-situation; it is written with a warm glow of feeling but without hysterics. The subjects are progressively arranged. The references to recent literature are excellent. "A World-Program in the Church" is a chapter that every layman and minister could read and study with profit. The book is inexpensive and we commend it highly for use in the churches as well as for private reading and study.

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**The Way of Life.** By Henry Churchill King. New York: Macmillan, 1918. Pp. 129. \$0.60.

One of President King's most profitable volumes is *The Ethics of Jesus*. The chapters from this book which treat the Sermon on the Mount have been reprinted with minor changes under the new title, together with two brief chapters discussing the war and the teachings of Jesus. Attention will be directed most naturally to these sections. They oppose the extreme pacifist positions with earnest and convincing argument. Thus they furnish an excellent complement to recent work by Fosdick and Speer. On the whole the book is admirably adapted to use in a study-class or for private reading. The outside title is too indistinct and it should have been bound more durably if it is to be used practically or preserved permanently.